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**ARTS AND CULTURE**

## The Dark days of Roselawn

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

POR T COLBORNE — While the Roselawn Centre was packed one recent Thursday night with people here to see retired Canadian broadcaster Lloyd Robertson speak at the Canadian Authors Reading Series, most other nights the historic building sits empty and dark.

The heritage building never lived up to the promise of what it could have been — a vibrant centre for arts and culture in the city of Port

Colborne.

"A few of us were members of the original group of Port people who fought the good fight 20 years ago to turn the dying Port Colborne Club into a vibrant centre for arts and culture, a theatre with meeting and dining facilities that would be the envy of any town or city in Canada," Bill Thomas, founder of the reading series next year entering its 20th season, sold out with a waiting list, said out with a waiting list for tickets, said in a letter to *The Tribune*.

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MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo  
Members of the recently-established group Friends of Roselawn, including Ron Bodner and Gail Todd, have come together in the fight to keep Port Colborne's Roselawn Centre afloat.

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## ■ BUILDING

# Showboat pullout hurt Roselawn

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cous meeting at the (Royal Canadian) Legion and prom-

ised that if we were given the opportunity to convert the club and curling rink into a theatre and cultural centre, I would start a Canadian author series."

"Others made similar promises, but as of last year only Showboat Theatre, a food and wine series and the author series were the only regular clients of this unique and precious 150-year-old building," he said.

When Showboat pulled out last summer, Thomas said, "a chill went through the community of Port Colborne."

The fear of losing this venerable circa 1860 heritage landmark was felt not only by citizens who regularly attended the Roselawn Centre but also the operators of local bars, restaurants and B&Bs that directly reap the benefit from such cultural programming. Naturally, the city was very concerned that the Roselawn's biggest reaper was pulling out, he said.

When the news broke about Showboat, Thomas contacted Ward 4 Coun. Ron Bodner, Something Else owner Gail

Todd, cultural consultant Candice Turner-Smith, and Dan and Katie McKinnon of Embrace Niagara, and together they formed Friends of Roselawn.

Bodner and Todd spoke about Friends of Roselawn and the potential for the centre before Robertson's appearance last month.

"Friends of Roselawn was formed by people that care about Roselawn, and arts and culture in Port Colborne. Some pretty great people stepped up," said Bodner. "Roselawn is a place where a lot can happen."

Todd said there is a core group of 12 to 15 people who come out for the meetings, with up to 25 at times.

She and Bodner said many ideas are being tossed around the table. Ideas that have worked in other areas of the province. Some ideas people are around the table, they said, are those who have made things work in other places.

"I haven't been this excited about Roselawn's possibilities since I got on council in 1998," said Bodner.

Since the announced closure of Showboat, some good things have happened.

Lighthouse Theatre of Port Dover stepped up and will



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Veteran broadcaster Lloyd Robertson speaks at the second to last Canadian Authors Reading Series at the Roselawn Centre in Port Colborne recently night. Just behind Robertson is Wainfleet author and reading series founder Bill Thomas who is hoping to see Roselawn Centre

operate a shortened run of 28 performances of Showboat for the 2013 summer theatre season.

Showboat was the main source of revenue for the centre, but Todd and Bodner said rentals to use the facility

for weddings and other events have started to increase.

"We can be a catalyst for other groups in the community ... we can encompass all forms of art and culture here," said Bodner.

The group's vision state-

ment calls for Roselawn to be a home for arts and entertainment, to ensure a vibrant cultural life for the community.

Roselawn has seen many Canadian cultural icons walk into the building over the years through the author

series, including Robertson, Colin Mochrie, Mordecai Richler, Adrienne Clarkson, Peter Mansbridge, Lloyd Robertson, David Suzuki and Margaret Atwood.

"They are just impressed with this place as we are ... with the history, the heritage. They see the beauty of the building," Todd said.

Todd said his friends group has been working with Harry Hakanen, Port Colborne's community services manager, to come up with ideas for the facility. Community services is housed in the Roselawn Centre.

"Harry see us as an advisory group ... he's very supportive and listens to us," she said.

Bodner said city community service staff have a lot on their plate and Friends of Roselawn believe they can help staff and bring ideas to the table that they have time to do or research.

"We have people on our committee that are hooked into different groups in Niagara, across Canada and even the world. We can make Roselawn a place that has light a lot more days than it's dark," the councillor said.

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## ■ MUSEUM

## Native artifacts now on display

DAVE JOHNSON  
Tribune Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Many treasures have been unearthed along the shoreline of Lake Erie from Port Colborne to Welland and in other areas of the city.

The treasures — Native artifacts — are now on display at Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum until September, said Michelle Mason, the museum's assistant curator.

Mason said the collection includes projectile points, effigy pipes, pottery, beads, and stone tools unearthed from local archaeological sites, including a dig along Talbot Ave. from a few years ago.

"It's when they were doing road work," said Mason.

There are also artifacts found by local residents in fields or on the beaches. The age of the artifacts displayed range from the Early Archaic to the Late Woodland Periods (7000 B.C. to 1650 A.D.).

Mason said some of the items on display include finds donated by late avocational archeologist Jim Penkelly.

"We have his collection and his field notebook. We also the Hasselman collection that was donated in 1975."

Reebs Bay, Morgan's Point, an area north of Chippawa Rd., Sherkston, are other locations Native artifacts, and remains, have been found in the past.

"There were many sites in Port Colborne and surrounding areas."

In addition to the Treasures Unearthed exhibit, Mason said the Royal Ontario Museum's Iroquois Beadwork:

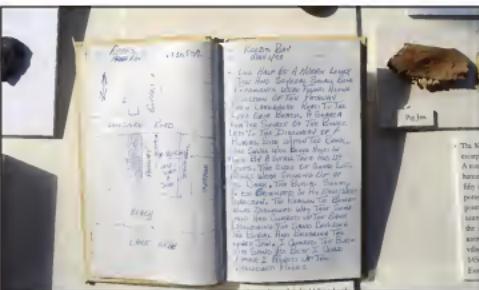


Through the Voices of Beads is on loan and on display from now until September.

Iroquois beadwork, said Mason, is undergoing a revival as an art form under the guidance of master bead artist Samuel Thomas.

The work on display at the museum is both historical and contemporary, and shows clothing embedded with beads.

The museum, 280 King St. in Port Colborne, is now open for the season from noon to 5 p.m. daily, including holidays. Admission is free and the museum can be reached at 905-834-7004.



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Above: One of the native artifacts on display at the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum's Treasures Unearthed Exhibit. LEFT: Avocational archeologist Jim Penkelly's field notebook.

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## ourview

### Waiting for a hospital

Niagara just fell a year behind in its bid to get a new, modern hospital to serve the region's southern communities of Welland, Port Colborne, Wainfleet, Niagara Falls and Fort Erie.

By not including any funding for the idea, it likely pushes back at least another year the construction of a hospital the government's own hired gun recommended for the southern part of Niagara.

Included among his recommendations for restoring public confidence in Niagara Health System, the company that runs Niagara's hospitals, provincially appointed supervisor Kevin Smith said a new hospital should be built to replace the aging hospitals in Welland, Port Colborne, Niagara Falls and Fort Erie.

Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne has publicly said her government has "no immediate plan" to move forward with that recommendation.

The Liberals' first budget since Wynne replaced Dalton McGuinty as premier was consistent with that position.

New Finance Minister Charles Sousa announced Thursday \$3.5 billion over three years has been allocated to more than 50 hospital projects provincewide. Based on Thursday's budget, there's no reason to believe a south Niagara hospital is part of that equation.

The government has already spent money to build a new St. Catharines hospital and beefed up hospital funding provincewide during nearly 10 years of Liberal rule, Wynne has said.

It should make you wonder why Health Minister Deb Matthews would bring in Smith as her Niagara fix-it man only to put one of his key recommendations on the shelf.

It's understandable for Wynne to not rush "immediately" into funding a south Niagara hospital so soon after cutting the ribbon on the new St. Catharines hospital.

But Smith's recommendation and the real need to provide a better facility for the rest of Niagara is not something the Liberals can ignore for long.

The Liberals are going to run an \$11.7-billion deficit, but still promise to balance the books by 2017-18. The province's economic conditions aren't going to improve so markedly in the next few years that suddenly another Niagara hospital is going to be an easy decision.

Whether she does it this year or next — or whether a Conservative or NDP premier get to make the call — the premier of Ontario is going to need to find a way to tackle the south Niagara hospital issue at the same time as she or is scrambling to balance the books. Niagara can't wait for Ontario to get its house in order.

## COLUMN

# Spring is sprung

REV. THOMAS ARTH  
First Presbyterian Church

Spring is sprung. Duh grass is riz; I wonder where the dead bodies are? "There are the evening lines of a poem titled "Spring in the Bronx" attributed to various authors but as far as I could tell penned by an anonymous poet. I thought about those words last week because it seems that spring has finally sprung.

Oh, the birds have been around for a while. Back on March 11 I stepped outside for a moment and was struck by the songs of birds. I heard Blue jays screaming ("I wonder 't will when I sing"), I heard a cardinal singing somewhere (not one of the ones who would go to the conclude the next day). And then I looked across the street and saw two robins hopping around on the lawn.

The birds have been around for a while but it

seemed to take a long time for spring to finally arrive. Oh, sure, spring technically arrived in the Northern Hemisphere with the vernal equinox on March 20 but it hasn't felt springlike until the last week or two. We've had weeks where it would be nice and warm for a day or two but then we'd be back to cold, almost wintry weather again.

I know a woman who doesn't like spring for just that reason. You can't put the winter coats away yet because there's a good chance you'll still need them. But you also have to get the spring jackets out because that coat is too warm for a winter coat is too warm.

With the arrival of spring she wants a steady progression toward summer; not this constant back and forth that we always seem to get.

Well, now the winter coats are put away. I still haven't

got around to taking the snow tires off the car, but that's not

because I'm expecting snow, I just haven't motivated myself to get it done.

I, myself, love spring. I love seeing the signs that winter is ending and summer is on the way, and snow disappears.

Some of the spring flowering bulbs start pushing their way up through the soil. The sun stays out longer. The grass starts to green up. I wake up in the morning to the songs of the birds. And now, finally, the temperatures have climbed, edging toward summer warmth. In fact, last week I started wearing shorts and sandals and on Friday I got my first sunburn of the year.

I also love spring for what it demonstrates: what it tells me of God's promise of renewal and resurrection. After what looked like an ending, when the leaves fell from the trees, when the flowers faded or wilted or died, when the sun's journey across the sky was shorter and shorter, when a blanket

of snow hid anything that might have hinted of life, after all that spring finally came. After what sometimes only seemed like death, and in some cases really was, death, life came.

That's also God's promise to us. We have something to hold in faith and hope. When all seems like endings and death, God promises new life. The Easter message is that death is not the end, that there is more, that God can and will bring us to a resurrection day, a day of spring.

We don't necessarily know how it will all come about. Even with springtime in nature there is mystery and wonder. But the springtime bulbs in the fall, trusting that in the spring they will once again sprout and grow. It's the same with a life of faith. We don't have everything mapped out and spelled out and explained in every detail. But we hold on to God's promise and trust that our spring will also come.

## COLUMN

# Help us save Roselawn

A few of us were members of the original group of Port people who fought the good fight twenty years ago to turn the dying Port Colborne Club into what is today a center for arts and culture, a space with meeting and dining facilities that would be the envy of any town or city in Canada. I raised my hand at a raucous meeting at The Legion and promised that if we were given the opportunity to convert the club and curling rink into a theatre and cultural centre, I would start a Canadian author series. Readings at The Roselawn will celebrate its 20th successful season next year, sold out with a waiting list for tickets. Others made similar promises, but as of last year only Showboat Theatre, a food and wine series and the author series



WILLIAM THOMAS  
HUMOUR

were the only regular clients of this unique and precious 150-year old building.

So when the board of Showboat Theatre announced there would not be a summer season this year, a chill went through the community of Port Colborne. The fear of losing this venerable circa 1860 heritage landmark was felt not only by citizens who regularly attend events at the Roselawn Centre, but also the operators of local bars, restaurants and B&Bs that directly reap the benefit from such cultural programming. Naturally the

city was very concerned that the Roselawn's biggest renter was pulling out.

Immediately I contacted councilman Ron Bodner, retail proprietor Gail Todd, cultural consultant Candice Turner-Smith and Dan & Katie McKinnon of Embrace Niagara and formed Friends Of Roselawn.

We made personal pleas

to existing Ontario theatre groups to run their plays at Roselawn this summer. The Lighthouse Theatre of Port Dover stepped forth and a shortened run of 28 performances of Showboat will be in place for this summer's theatre season.

The problem is obvious — The Roselawn Centre has been badly underutilized.

The Roselawn Centre is a one-of-a-kind cultural centre with the unlimited potential to host musical reviews, winter theatre,

cinema, cooking classes, a jazz series, a blues festival, Hot Docs, weekend arts festivals, educational classes, children's musical and visual art exhibitions. The theatre is a first-class stage venue and the rest of the building could be with a renewed commitment from the community.

The real risk to the city — thriving downtown retail outlets, more jobs created in the arts sector, an increase in visitors and the laughter heard inside the Roselawn Centre from 700 kids on their recent Day Of Culture is priceless.

"Culture Tourism" is not just a hot new buzz term. The tourism of culture — drawing large numbers of visitors to your town and retail outlets by using theatre, music and art as the big draw is a major source of municipal income.

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■ THOMAS

# You can help Roselawn stay alive

FROM PAGE 4

Three Niagara municipalities have hired full-time cultural affairs officers. St. Catharines is building a \$94 million performing arts theatre. Many municipalities are building cultural establishments to get out in front of this economic boom. We already have that facility.

The Roselawn Centre is very bit as vital to the lives of the people of Port Colborne as the Vale Health and Wellness Centre, Sugarloaf Harbour Marina, the Skateboard/BMX Park and other municipal venues that enhance the quality of life

we all enjoy. Culture is not just about arts and music and literature although it usually takes those forms of presentation. Culture is really about the pride a community has in sharing the talents of its citizens. While the new and fantastic Vale Health and Wellness Centre will offer us the building blocks to better health and the high drama of sports - the cultural jewel that the Roselawn Centre is will serve as the soul of this city. One great play, an unforgettable concert, an encounter with an amazing author can change a life for the better and enhance our well-being forever but more importantly it can send our children

down exciting and highly creative career paths. The job market for the arts has only begun to grow. A town that produces a professional hockey player is a healthy town. A place that raises an NHL'er, a concert pianist, an award-winning writer or renowned band leader - that's a town with perfect balance, a collective of open minds and a place of refinement with the potential to do great things. That's the community companies want to relocate to and employees want to move to.

Friends of Roselawn is dedicated to a complete and successful makeover of the centre with many

more series like "Readings," winter theatre, resurrected jazz series, documentary film series and youth events.

In short, the Roselawn should be exactly what we envisioned it would be two decades ago but until now has failed to live up to its potential. All we need is you. We need your support and your expertise to host events or volunteer at them. As a citizen of Port Colborne you own this house of arts and entertainment. You should come home more often.

Our vision is clear: Creating a home for arts and entertainment at the Roselawn to ensure a vibrant cultural life for our community. Please help us. Call 905.834.0898,



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The Roselawn Theatre in Port Colborne.

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■ **BETHEL:** Community centre home to event

# Art club annual show coming up

JORDAN AUBERTIN  
For InPort News

**PORT COLBORNE** — The Port Colborne Art Club will be hosting its annual Art Show and Sale on Thursday, May 16, from noon to 5 p.m. The show will take place at Bethel Community Centre, 2703 Chippawa Rd. E.

Tickets for the event are \$7 each with a chance to win a door prize.

"Our art club has been in existence for 66 years," said president Denise Hesler, who has been a member for the past 25.

The group has a number of instructors, each member drawn from across Niagara to work in various mediums. There are about 40 current members and anyone of any skill level is able to join.

To help maintain the club, the art show and sale is held annually to fundraise, said June Bond, the club's

recruiter, manager, treasurer and co-ordinator.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale pieces support the club and its programming.

"They get original artwork for a very reasonable price," Hesler said of the show's customers, who purchase pieces at the sale for sometimes hundreds of dollars less than what they typically cost.

Along with a wealth of eye-catching pieces to peruse, the show will feature a silent auction featuring pieces donated by the club's instructors. All proceeds from the auction will also benefit the club.

Membership for the club is \$20 a year, with 3 classes held each week between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Those looking to purchase tickets to the sale in advance can do so by calling Bond at 905-892-9227 or Hesler at 905-899-1215. Tickets are also available at the door.



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From left Denise Hesler, June Bond, Irene Garrety, Michael McMahon and Dori Schooley stand by artwork donated by the talented McMahon at the Port Colborne Art Club.



■ **COURT:** 'It probably wouldn't go in our favour,' mayor says

# Wainfleet won't appeal turbine ruling

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

**WAINFLEET** — The Township of Wainfleet won't appeal a recent Superior Court of Ontario judge's decision that struck down its turbine setback bylaw.

"Our lawyer made it clear to us if we did seek an appeal, it probably wouldn't go in our favour," Mayor Jeffs said.

"We also looked at how much money we have spent on this and decided not to appeal," she added.

Aldermen met behind closed doors recently with lawyer Donald C. DeLorenzo, of the firm of Daniel and Partners LLP.

Wainfleet had been taken to court after a lawsuit was filed by the law firm of Aird and Berlits LLP in July 2011 on behalf of Wind Energy Inc., which is looking to install a number of wind turbines in the township. The company is owned by the Loefken family and Tom Rankin, CEO of Rankin Construction, who bought it in 2012.

The lawsuit was in relation to a bylaw that called for a two-kilometre setback of wind turbines from residences, instead of the 550-metre setback allowed by the province under the Green Energy



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Wainfleet is embroiled in a conflict over wind.

Act. Township staff had told council it had no authority to pass the bylaw because the Green Energy Act supersedes local decision-making. Wainfleet had also previously passed a moratorium on the construction of wind turbines on the construction of wind turbines.

Rankin's lawyers had appeared before council in 2012 to tell aldermen they couldn't pass the setback bylaw and that it would not stand up, but it was passed.

While no dollar figure has been established, sources said the lawsuit could cost Wainfleet upwards of \$200,000 for its costs and that of Wainfleet's legal costs.



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■ CONSTRUCTION: Section of Hwy. 58 to be closed for four months

# Forks Rd. bridge work a nightmare on Elm St.?

VICTORIA GRAY  
InPort News Staff

**P**ORT COBORNE — Dolores Morin and her husband, Chris, aren't happy about upcoming construction on Hwy. 58 because transport trucks may return to Elm St.

"We are not thrilled," she said. "They are already starting to come down this way and they are not supposed to."

In the early 1990s residents on the street successfully petitioned the City of Port Colborne and the region to reduce the posted speed limit to 50 km/h and keep transport trucks from using it.

The Morins say since then traffic has been minimal.

But they are afraid that

when the Ministry of Transportation starts construction on the Forks Rd. overpass this fall that traffic will find its way back to Elm St.

MTO senior project engineer Makael Kakakhel said construction will start in early September and that it could take up to six months.

Hwy. 58 will be closed from south of the Forks Rd. bridge to north of the CN Rail bridge for about four months.

Both bridges are about 50 years old and the MTO will replace the superstructure of both spans.

"Safety is our top priority," Kakakhel said. "Our contractors will work as quickly as possible."

Construction crews will also raise the road grade

by a half-metre in order to improve sight lines.

Kakakhel said the width of the bridge is too narrow to provide a single lane for traffic both ways safely.

There will be a signed detour directing traffic to Hwy. 140. Residents on Elm St. know their street makes the trip to Port Colborne shorter.

Arnold Jones believes there's already a speeding problem on the street and he worries about younger families nearby.

"I have grandkids that play out here and I wouldn't want to see anything happen. They need more police presence here if they are going to close that bridge," he said.

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## ■ ART

## Jordan gallery artists showing in Port Colborne

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

**P**ORT COBORNE — Jordan Art Gallery's Janey Fraser tackles environmental and global issues in her mixed-media artwork.

That art, reflecting those issues, can be found on the walls on Arts Place Gallery from now until Sunday, June 9.

Artwork from other Jordan gallery members, including Arts Place Gallery's Joyce L. Hockley, is also hanging in the Port Colborne gallery, at 72 King St.

"There's a lot of very contemporary artwork, mixed-media and experimental work showing," said Fraser.

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Ottavio Tullini presents a \$50,000 cheque to the City of Port Colborne, represented by Mayor Vance Badaway and community partnership co-ordinator Jo Ann Schubel, for sponsorship of the walking/jogging track at Vale Health and Wellness Centre.

## Digging those trees



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Emily Klonowski, left, watches as Maxinia Poulsen digs a hole on the playground at DeWitt Carter school in Port Colborne last week. Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority staff were helping students plant trees in the schoolyard to provide more shade for students.

### ■ ART

## Gallery features Niagara painters

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A graduate of Ontario Art College, Fraser majored in drawing and painting and etching, with studies in fibre, clay, and photography.

"I've expanded my artwork in many directions," she said.

Jordan Art Gallery, she said, was formed in the mid-90s when the village of Jordan was being transformed. Four partners came together and started up the gallery to feature the work of artists from across Niagara.

"It's not a co-op, it's a partnership," Fraser stressed, adding there are now eight partners.

With glassblowers, woodworkers, those that work with clay, and fine art painters showing their work, people from across Niagara and the world stop in to see what the gallery has to offer, Fraser said.

Each month different artists are featured, including artists from across Canada.

"We have great artists showing."

Fraser said one of the gallery's partners, a landscape painter, has started to work in encaustic painting.

"It's a very ancient art form that's being revitalized," said Fraser.

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■ INDUSTRY: April Jeffs OK with PowerBlades

# Turbine-opposing mayor welcomes new Welland plant

DAVE JOHNSON  
In-Port News Staff

WAINFLEET — Despite her aversion to wind turbines, Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs says she's glad a builder of them is coming to Welland.

"I'm really happy for Welland and its economic development," Jeffs said. "It's an amazing win for the municipality," she said referring to the REpower PowerBlades plant that will start production in July.

Jeffs said there's an obvious demand for wind turbines and turbine components, but she wonders whether green industry is sustainable industry.

"What we hear is that those jobs only last for a certain amount of time. Just how long will the green industry jobs last in Welland and Thorold?" she asked.

"We can't put all of our eggs in just that (green energy) basket. We need to attract and retain more small- to medium-sized businesses ... that's a large percentage of jobs

in Niagara."

Thorold landed wind tower manufacturer TSP Canada Towers Inc. late last year. PowerBlades has been in discussion with the company.

With Wainfleet being on record opposed to wind turbines, the mayor hopes parts manufactured in Welland and Thorold go to willing host communities.

President Karen Wynne has said wind turbines would only be installed in communities that are willing to have them. Wainfleet has declared itself an unwilling host.

Asked whether her comments might stir up trouble with her fellow mayors in Thorold and Welland, Jeffs, a small business owner, said no.

"I'm not anti-jobs ... I get that so much has left the area. I don't see these as long-term jobs ... I just don't want to lose the focus on small- to medium-sized businesses."

She has discussed green energy and wind turbines before with Welland Mayor Barry Sharpe and Thorold Mayor Ted Luciani and said they each respect the other's position.

"I support them on their initiatives."

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Jeffs

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The former plant of both Welland Pipe and Universal Resource Recovery Inc. on Rushforth Rd. will be the new home of Power Blades Inc., a subsidiary company of German based REpower Systems.

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Smith, Geoff Gingras and Chris Anderson.

Danny Wurster of Niagara Falls won both the qualifier and the feature in the truck class. Hilary Haegens, Greg Haegens, Adam Williams and Sam Pennacchio also placed in the top five.

Indeed, Zack Carley, the Freedom, N.Y., driver who paced the field in the late models division, was the only feature winner on Sunday's opening night at the Port Colborne track who didn't feature first in a qualifying heat.

He, with the late models sportsman class, placed 1-2-3 in the feature, with Gary Lindberg of Ridgeway crossing the finish line ahead of Greg Panute and Brad Rouse. Austin Wood and Darrell Farraway rounded out the top five in the popular division and Dave Flannigan Jr. took top honours in the consolation race.

Port Colborne's Evan Curtis was the driver who couldn't be beat in the mini stocks division. He won the heat and in the feature set the pace for a field that included Kyle Peleg, Rock Conte, Brandon Jolicard and Kyle Rothwell as the top also-rans.

Jason Fontaine, also from Port Colborne, took the first flag of the 2013 season in New Humberstone's street stock division. Alex Morris, Paul Reichel, Bryce Richardson and Cory Turner rounded out the top five.

Kyle Tomaski of Dain City was a double winner in the pure stocks class. After winning the heat he topped a top five that also featured Mason Smith, Bill

Racing returns next Sunday with the Mother's Day program featuring a round-robin-to-the-metal action in the sportsman, late models, street stocks, mini Stocks, pro 4 trucks and the pure stocks divisions.

Racing is scheduled to start promptly at 6 p.m. with both the paddock and grandstand gates opening at 4 p.m.

New Humberstone Speedway wants to go faster this season, at least on the clock. In the hopes of making the move back to Sundays more profitable at the turnstiles after two years racing on Friday night, the track is fine-tuning its program in order to deliver a "full night of racing" in under four hours. On Sunday night, the final flag dropped at 10:03 p.m.

"People want to be here for the racing, but they also have to get to work the next morning," Bob Davidson, the track's general manager, said at the beginning of the season when he promoted the switch back to Sunday night race.

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## ■ GALLERY

## Encaustic art on display

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Encaustic painting sees coloured pigments added to heated beeswax, and that liquid/paste applied to a surface, usually wood. Metal tools and special heat tools are used to shape the paint before it cools. A heat gun can be used to manipulate the wax once it has cooled onto the surface.

Some of that encaustic art can be

found on the walls at Arts Place for the next month.

Along with Fraser, the other artists showing include Jan Yates, Mori McCrae, George Langbroek, Sandy MacLellan, Robyn Kennedy and Diane Morris.

Arts Place Gallery is open Thursday through Sunday from noon to 4:30 p.m. and can be found online at [www.artspicegallery.com](http://www.artspicegallery.com).

■ **MANDARIN MS WALK:** 200 people lace up for Merritt Island hike



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Lise Daigle, diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2009, hopes her tattoo will further motivate her to fight back against the disease. Daigle had more than 50 people onboard Team Lise Sunday during Welland's annual Mandarin MS Walk.

## MS 'fighters' unite in Welland walk

MARYANNE FIRTH  
Tribune Staff

WELLAND — Lise Daigle is not going down without a fight.

She may have been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2009, but she's not going down without a fight.

The Welland resident was in good spirits on Sunday during Welland's annual Mandarin MS Walk.

Joined by more than 50 people who gathered to support Team Lise,

she was all smiles as the event, which strives to find a cure for the autoimmune disease, got underway.

In total, about 200 people made the trek to Merritt Island to support the worthy cause.

Daigle said her team has grown annually, both in size and in spirit. It's a good source of support, she said, and a motivator to keep looking forward.

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## ■ WALK

# 'I'm happy I'm walking'

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The other motivator is a tattoo Daigle now sports on her left calf.

"It says 'MS Fighter,' because that's what I am. It's a good reminder to keep going."

Because of her MS, Daigle has difficulty climbing stairs, bending down and even writing her own name because of the numbness in her hands.

"But I'm happy I'm walking," she said, not one to let the diagnosis get her down.

And she is not alone.

Alan Ramsay kept his sense of humour front and centre on Sunday, donning a kilts, red wig and a Tam O'Shanter cap. His team, Kilts for a Cure, paid homage to his Scottish roots.

The Wainfleet resident was diagnosed with MS a little more than a year ago and his friends

did not shy away from coming out to show him support, bare legs and all.

"It gives a lot of hope," Ramsay said, hopeful the fight will continue to find a cure.

Of the funds raised through the walk for Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, 50% support research and 50% go toward providing local programming and services to people affected by MS, including not only those diagnosed but their friends and families.

A tally of funds raised Sunday was not immediately available.

To further support the cause, Team Lise is hosting a fund-raising poker tournament on Saturday at Trappers Sports Bar, 279 King St., beginning at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Daigle at 905-714-9270.

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■ FIDDLEHEAD COMPETITION: Flavours, taste and presentation count

# Hitting all the right notes

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

TORONTO — Sous chef Jonathan Vlasi's fiddlehead fish cakes with dill, baconaise and celery, and avocado salad hit all the right notes with judges at NorCliff Farms' sixth annual So You Think You Can Cook Fiddlehead Culinary Competition.

"It had balance, an interesting flavour profile, hit all the right notes and made the palate tingle," said chef Massimo Capra, one of the celebrity judges at the even. "His flavour killed it."

The culinary competition, held at Gossips Restaurant in Toronto, was a fundraiser for The Hospital for Sick Children, it saw Vlasi, of Pure Spirits Oyster House and

Grill in Toronto's Distillery District, go up against Pelham's Lookout Point Country Club executive chef Abby Solomon and chef Dan LeBlanc of Benchmark Restaurant at Niagara College's Niagara-on-the-Lake campus.

Capra judged the event with Gossips Restaurant executive chef Bob Rainford, Therese DeGrace, George Brown College's John Higgins, and Christopher Ennew. Nick Secord, president and owner of Port Colborne-based NorCliff Farms, also judged.

Before the competition, Rainford, former host of *Licence to Grill* on Food Network Canada, said he'd be looking for presentation, taste and texture when judging.

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Brent & Jenny's no frills raised \$3018 .00 for this past campaign. Pictured are the top sellers Jessica Terlik, Jenny Read (Store Owner), Darlene Dolinski, Nadine Wernham and Alana Harvey. Thank you again all customers who donated and all cashiers who promoted the campaign.

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Jonathan Vieu's fiddlehead fish cakes with dill, baconnaise and celery, and avocado salad won NorCliff Farms sixth annual So You Think You Can Cook Fiddlehead Culinary Competition.

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# Bacon the perfect match for fiddleheads

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pick it as a winner. Flavour was what Capra was looking for in the competition which was held at his restaurant, Sopris Upper Lounge, last year.

"Based on what I know from last year, I'll be looking for how the flavours are calibrated and how they work with each other. There has to be a flavour ... that's what I go for."

Capra expected the fiddleheads, which are quite versatile, to be used for more than just a garnish on the plate.

"They can be turned into something very special."

During last year's competition, his staff created a dessert with fiddleheads.

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## RECIPES

# All winning dishes on the web



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Lookout Point Country Club executive chef Abby Solomon's bass roulade stuffed with fiddleheads and quinoa on top of bacon sautéed fiddleheads with a fiddlehead and spinach cream sauce.

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"It was quite good, quite fantastic. I wish we would have entered, we could have won," he said with a laugh.

Like Rainford, Capra has worked with fiddleheads and said the kitchens at his restaurants are packed with them and used "in everything."

Once the competition was underway, Solomon, fresh off a championship win at Iron Chef Niagara, was up first and served a bass roulade stuffed with fiddleheads and quinoa on top of bacon sautéed fiddleheads with a fiddlehead and spinach cream sauce.

Before the dish was served, Solomon prepared the six judge's plates and went out to their table to tell them, and the close to 100 guests, what they were about to eat.

Each chef stepped out of the kitchen to explain their fiddlehead dish and all helped each other out when it came to plating the food.

Up next was LeBlanc — last year's winner — who served a fiddlehead and veal Wellington

**I liked the presentation and the taste, and the way the fiddleheads were used."**

*Chef Massimo Capra, celebrity judge*

with minted fiddlehead and pea puree, and a mushroom and fiddlehead sauté.

He was followed by Vlau and his fiddlehead fish cakes.

Capra said it was a tough decision because all the dishes were well composed, but in the end Vlau edged out the others.

Second said the winning dish was his first choice in the competition.

"I liked the presentation and taste, and the way the fiddleheads were used," he said.

All of the winning recipes will make their way to Niagara's website in the near future: [www.norclifff.com](http://www.norclifff.com).

*dave.johnson@sunmedia.ca*

## NOTICE OF COMPLETION

## Road Reconstruction on Regional Road 5 (Killaly Street) From Knoll Street to King Street In the City of Port Colborne

## The Study

Niagara Region (the Region) completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to identify the needs and opportunities for improvements to Regional Road 5 (Killaly Street) between King Street and Knoll Street, in the City of Port Colborne. The study identified and evaluated a variety of road improvement alternatives, including:

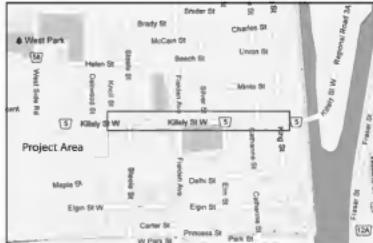
- road cross-section upgrades to an urban cross section
- intersection upgrades
- sidewalk construction/replacement
- addition of bicycle lanes

As an addition to this road reconstruction project, the City of Port Colborne will be replacing the existing watermain, rehabilitating sections of existing sanitary infrastructure and adding storm infrastructure where required for future projects.

## The Process

Initially this project was designated as a Schedule 'A' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. However, due to a number of scope increases during the design phase and re-evaluation of the project, the study was completed in compliance with a Schedule 'B' undertaking following the requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document. The preferred alternative includes full road reconstruction including intersection improvements to address road safety.

The Environmental Report, documenting the planning process, has been completed and is now available for a 30-day public review period. To view the environmental report, contact one of the individuals listed below. If an interested party has outstanding environmental concerns



Key Map

about the project, please raise these with one of the individuals listed below. If concerns arise regarding the preferred design, which cannot be resolved in discussion with those named below, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the component of the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister, Ministry of the Environment, 135 St. Clair Avenue, 10th Floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5, within 30 calendar days of this notice. A copy must also be sent to those listed below. If no 'request' is received by June 3, 2013, the reconstruction of Regional Road 5 (Killaly Street) will proceed to final design and construction as presented in the planning documentation.

With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. This notice was issued on May 2, 2013.

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■ INDUSTRY: At least 10 jobs to be created after company relocates from Mississauga

# Synergy Stamping to dock in Port

MARYANNE FIRTH  
InPort News Staff

PORL COLBORNE — There's a new company putting its stamp on the lakeside city — and creating jobs in the process.

Synergy Stamping Inc., a

Mississauga-based lighting fixture manufacturer, is moving to Port Colborne.

The news was announced at a recent council meeting, during which sale of land from the city to the company was approved.

The 1.3-hectare property is

the remaining parcel of Loyalist Industrial Park on Stonebridge Dr. and was purchased for \$50,000.

Synergy Stamping currently has 20 workers and has indicated it intends to increase to 30 following construction of a 4,000-square-metre building on the property

— to be built within two years.

The company has "full intentions of expanding quickly" but was unable to do so at its Mississauga location, said Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badaway.

It was the available industrial land, as well as the city's business

recruitment initiatives that drew the company to south Niagara.

Port Colborne's economic development, tourism and marketing department has been working with Synergy Stamping since early 2012.

The company manufactures

mainly for the retail sector in the United States and Port Colborne's proximity to the U.S. border was also a draw, said Stephen Thompson, the city's general manager and director of economic development, tourism and marketing.

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■ **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Campaign to raise awareness for Salvation Army

# Social media to be used in Picture Less Hunger campaign

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

TORONTO — Using social media for social good is the

idea behind a new initiative launched last week.

Picture Less Hunger, started by the Salvation Army, kicked off at 17 restaurants in

the city and runs from May 3 to May 12.

The campaign is being backed by celebrity chef and former Food Network

*Restaurant Makeover* host Brad Long, who has committed Café Belong, his restaurant at Evergreen Brick Works, to the effort.

The idea behind Picture Less Hunger is for patrons who go to any one of the 17 restaurants to take photos of their meals and share

them on social networks like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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## ■ HUNGER

# Personal donations also accepted

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Users are asked to place hashtags #SalvationArmy and #picturelesshunger, and a statement of support for Salvation

Army's hunger relief efforts in Canada.

Restaurant patrons can also make a personal donation to the organization by adding \$2 to their bill. Some restaurants may

have collection jars as well.

Salvation Army's national director of marketing communications, Andrew Burditt, said more than 900,000 Canadians visit a food bank each month.

## Ask Our

### Pharmacists



LARRY BOGGIO

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#### PRACTICE

As a result of new regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in Ontario, pharmacists are now able to be more deeply involved in your medications and management of your medical conditions. The new regulations came into effect last October allowing pharmacists to make use of their unique knowledge. This is great news for both pharmacists and you, their patients. It will allow pharmacists to be an even more integral part of your medication management and it will provide you with greater convenience as pharmacists are easily accessible in the community

There are five main areas that these changes will affect:

1. Pharmacists can prescribe several effective medications to help you quit smoking. Patients who may wish to try this method of quitting can now be assessed by their pharmacist – who will use their professional judgement to decide if it is right for you. This means that you will not have to wait to see your doctor in order to get on the path to becoming smoke-free and the pharmacist can be involved throughout this sometimes difficult process.

2. Pharmacists may be able to renew your prescriptions without you seeing your doctor first. Your condition and your medications must be stable. For example, this may apply to patients who have well-managed chronic conditions like diabetes or high blood pressure. (This new regulation does not apply to narcotics and similar substances and does not eliminate the need to see your doctor for proper follow-up and monitoring).

3. Pharmacists may also make certain changes/ adaptations to your doctor's prescription if necessary based on professional judgment. For example, they may change the dosage form (tablets/capsules/liquids) or they could alter the dosing regimen and possibly even double the dose to suit you better. As always, any changes would be done with your consent and the pharmacist would share them with your doctor.

4. Pharmacists can now be of even greater assistance in helping to demonstrate how to use your devices. If you are a patient who uses an inhaler or has self-administered injections, your pharmacist can now use the real device to show you how to use it, rather than using a model one. Pharmacists who are able to administer injections in order to teach you how to use them have completed a training program.

5. Specially trained pharmacists can administer the flu vaccine to patients five years and older. This will provide patients with more locations and greater ease of access to the vaccine.

For long-term treatment of constipation, bulk-forming agents such as As usual, your pharmacist will make these decisions based on your specific condition, so it is very important to give them as much information about yourself as you can. They need to know about all of the medications you are taking, including anything over-the-counter or any vitamins/minerals that you use. Also it is important to talk to your pharmacist about your lifestyle (e.g. the foods you eat and the exercise you do) so they can get the full picture in order to make the best decisions for you.

Pharmacists have always been a wonderful source of information and support for patients regarding how to best manage their medicines and their medical conditions. Now that the role of pharmacists has expanded to allow them to have more involvement with their patients, it will be easier than ever for patients to maintain good control of their conditions and medications.

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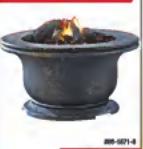
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